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PART 100 UPDATE FACT SHEET

Residential Board and Care Facilities (Addendum)

This addendum addresses some frequently asked questions that relate to residential board and care facilities and other adult care.

Will the proposed changes described in the residential board and care fact sheet apply to individual-controlled/client-owned CILAs?

- The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) conducts fire safety inspections utilizing the OSFM-adopted codes at CILA facilities when requested to do so by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS). IDHS is the licensing agency for CILA facilities and does not currently request OSFM to inspect individually-controlled/client-owned CILAs. The proposed OSFM rulemaking does not have an effect on IDHS decisions regarding inspection requests.
- Providers are encouraged to consult with their local fire and/or building department to ensure local code requirements are being met.

What are the conditions for the use of a heat detection or construction alternative in my existing residential board and care facility?

- If the attic space is not used for living purposes, not used for storage, and does not contain fuel-fired equipment, then the location may use a heat detection alternative, such as a heat detection system arranged to activate the building fire alarm system, or a building construction alternative as described in the applicable section.
- If the attic space is used for living purposes, used for storage, or contains fuel-fired equipment, no alternative options are permitted and the fire sprinkler system must be extended into the attic space.

How will I know if occupants of a residential board and care facility have an *impractical* evacuation capability?

Evacuation capability is determined by the documented speed of evacuation during fire drills conducted at the facility. Evacuation speed of more than 13 minutes is considered *impractical*.

What changes will affect community day services sites?

Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) community day services (formerly known as day training) sites will be inspected under the applicable chapters, consistent with the currently adopted code, barring any changes affecting the use of the occupancy. Any changed provisions between editions within the business or industrial chapters are not anticipated to be broadly applicable to community day services sites.

What changes will affect adult day care facilities?

Continuing current practice, adult day care facilities will continue to be inspected as day care occupancies. Some additional flexibility to be permitted under the proposed rules is described in the *Day Care Facilities* fact sheet.

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